

## MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

February 26, 2014

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

### ENGINEERING CONTRACT:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the contract for the engineer, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 12, 2014 with corrections, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Clancy asked when we hired Andrew back.

Mr. Watters stated that he received a call from Tom Ferry and he suggested that we get some assistance to get the required financials completed.

### **Resolution 2014-46**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield to hire a temporary professional in the finance department to assist the Acting CFO at a rate of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) per hour.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2014-46, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: Mrs. Kocher  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**BILL LIST:**

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list with addendum, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**CFO REPORT:**

Mr. Pandos stated that Mary Roskowski, Business Administrator for the Mansfield School, requested that the Township meet with them about snowplowing.

Mr. Watters stated that he would like to sit down with them and discuss this.

**CLERKS REPORT:**

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had nothing to report.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

Mr. DiSessa stated that the Township Committee received recommendation for the award of the Diamond Hill Bid.

Mr. Watters made a motion to award the bid top line 431,565 with Alternate #2 pending Certification of Availability of Funds, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Mr. DiSessa stated that the NJDEP was here today for the Stormwater Management Inspection and to meet the new DPW Supervisor and as far as he knows all went well.

**RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION # 2014-47  
LIEN REDEMPTION**

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Mansfield has advised the Committee that the following property has been redeemed and the money due thereon paid to the Township of Mansfield Tax Collector;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield this 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 that payment is to be made to the certificate holder as noted:

US Bank-Cust For Empire V  
2 Liberty Place  
50 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950  
Philadelphia, PA. 19102

Block 901, Lot 21.04  
Certificate # 2012-06  
\$ 32,914.14

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2014-47, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Mr. Watters made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:40.

Return from Executive Session at 9:04pm.

ORDINANCE:  
First Reading

#### **ORDINANCE 2014-04**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2-31 TITLED "RECREATION COMMITTEE" TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM FIVE (5) TO SEVEN (7)**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the governing body of the Township to provide for the recreational needs of all citizens of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, presently the Recreation Committee consists of five (5) members and two additional alternate Members; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of Mansfield to eliminate the alternate members positions and increase the number of regular Committee members from five (5) to seven (7); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

### **Section 1**

Section 2-31.2

**§2-31.2 Members**. The Recreation Committee shall consist of seven (7) public members to be appointed for alternating three year terms. All members shall be residents of Mansfield Township. All such appointments shall be done by Resolution of the Township Committee at an open public meeting on an annual basis. The Mayor may appoint the Chair of the Recreation Committee.

### **Section 2**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage.

### **Section 3**

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Mr. Watters made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2014-04 and requested that the public hearing be advertised to be held on March 12, 2014 at 8pm, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: Mrs. Kocher

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Second Reading**

## **ORDINANCE 2014-03**

### **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF HEALTH BENEFITS FOR NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES UPON RETIREMENT FROM EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

#### **Section 1**

For all non-contractual employees who have been employed by the Township for twenty-five (25) continuous years or more, upon retirement, that employee shall be entitled to maintain enrollment in the Township's then-current health care coverage and that the Township shall pay seventy percent (70%) of the health care premiums associated with such coverage, and the employee shall pay thirty percent (30%) of the health care premiums associated with such coverage.

Upon the retired employee attaining the age of sixty-five (65) or otherwise becoming eligible to enroll in Medicare, the Township's health care coverage shall become secondary.

The provisions of this ordinance are to have prospective application as of the date of its adoption. The Employee Handbook of the Township of Mansfield, *Retirement Policy*, is hereby amended in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 3 - Severability**

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

#### **Section 4 - Repealer**

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2014-03 and requested that the results would be advertised, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mrs. Kocher asked when the three minutes limit was set.

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to not have a 3 minute limit on public portion, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher

Nays: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mayor Tomaszewski

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC PORTION: (3 minute limit per person)

Mrs. Griggs thanked the police department for their services and for being present tonight. Mrs. Griggs thanked the Township for the minutes and agenda were placed on the website. Mrs. Griggs asked that the minutes reflect that the snow plan needs to be completed by March 14. Mrs. Griggs stated that after the last meeting she drove over to Valley Road and the road was snow and ice covered and extremely bumpy. Mrs. Griggs stated that a plow came through at 7:45am and did Valley Road.

Mr. Scott Minter, 545 Valley Road, stated that at the last meeting he brought up the Township having a Facebook account for information. Mr. Minter stated that he had an issue with social media and with the blogosphere and then a week later there is a posting on Hackettstown Life doling out certain committee members and saying what a good job the members of the committee are doing.

Mr. Misertino stated that his concern was to make the township residents to join an internet site when we have a website that we could post things to.

Dawn Smith, 324 Mount Bethel Road, stated that the meeting dates have not been published and have not been posted as per sunshine laws. Mrs. Smith stated that the discussion that was held at the last meeting about the posting on different sites, she did a little research on the website and what people look for on the website and most of the searches are for the Municipal Court hours.

Brad Smith, 324 Mount Bethel Road, asked about where we are as far as hiring for the police department. Mr. Smith asked what the direction is for hiring. Are we presently trying to get applicants.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that right now we are looking at things and there are a couple of academies that are going to be ending soon.

Mr. Watters stated that we will need to see where the Township is with the budget and the reassessments.

Mr. Smith asked if this would be done around June.

Mrs. Kocher stated that she was hopeful that this will happen.

### COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to appoint Terry Sams to fill Zola Mills spot as a Class IV member, 1st Alternate will be Pat Creedon, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate will be Alan Keegan. Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to appoint Kathy Todd to the Open Space Committee.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to send a RICE notice for March 12, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve putting out the mowing bid, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Misertino explained his thoughts for the website and that he has requested a page for Community news.

Mrs. Kocher stated that she agrees with Mrs. Smith that the analysis should be done of what people are looking for on the website.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to adjourn 9:32pm.